

# May 9, 2021 Elementary Online Lesson



**Series Overview:** There is a legacy waiting, for every kid everywhere. The legacy has been handed down like a valuable family heirloom and this month you'll get to tell kids about what that legacy is! The Holy Spirit is the legacy that Jesus gives to every person who believes. The Holy Spirit is for everyone and helps us so much. The Holy Spirit help us know God, love everyone, do God's work, and makes us a part of God's family.

Bible Story: More People Believe in Jesus: Acts 10:44-48; (1 John 5:1-6)

**Big Idea:** The Holy Spirit helps us love everyone.

**Series Memory Verse:** "For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God." –Romans 8:14

# Lesson Guide:

- 1. GATHER & SHARE TIME
- Sit together with your child/ family.
- Have everyone share something they heard from Pastor Brent's message or a question they have from his message.

# 2. BIBLE STORY REVIEW

#### \*Supplies: Bibles

- Open the Bible or a few Bibles to Acts 10:44-48 and read the verses together.
- One day when Cornelius was praying, an angel spoke to him and told him to find a man named Peter, who had a message for him. So, Cornelius sent out some of his servants to go find Peter. Does anyone remember who Peter was? Yes, he was one of Jesus' disciples! Same Peter.
  - Elsewhere, when Peter was praying alone, the Holy Spirit told Peter, "Somebody is looking for you." Just then, Peter heard some guys downstairs say they were looking for him!
  - So, Peter got up and went downstairs and said, "I'm the one you're looking for!"
  - The men took Peter to see Cornelius. When they arrived, Cornelius had his whole family and all his friends gathered together to hear the special message from Peter.
- Here's the thing: Peter was Jewish and the Jewish people typically weren't friends with people outside of the Jewish community. That is, until Jesus came, and brought this brand new message that God's love is for everyone.
- Peter realized that was the message he was supposed to tell Cornelius! God's love is for everybody!
- When Cornelius and his friends believed in Jesus, they received the Holy Spirit, and it was very clear to Peter and his Jewish friends that God loves everyone, and gives the Holy Spirit to anyone who believes in Jesus!

### THE BIG IDEA | The Holy Spirit helps us love everyone.

3. BIBLE STORY APPLICATION ACTIVITY:

## \*Supplies = A cup of water, ice, and heated water that will turn into steam

- Today we learned about how Peter and Cornelius. They were different from each other and according to the culture at that time they were not supposed to be friends.
- Have you ever been afraid to be nice to someone?
- It usually happens when someone is different from us, and we don't quite know how to react. Maybe you have brown hair and they have blonde hair. Maybe they speak a different language than what you're used to hearing. Maybe your interests are way different. Maybe you have different abilities.
- We shouldn't be afraid to be kind to others, even if they are different from us. We are all different but we shouldn't be afraid to learn more about each other and celebrate each other's differences as special and unique.
- God wants us to love everyone, including everyone who is different from us.
- The Holy Spirit helps us love everyone.
- Let's talk a little more about who the Holy Spirit is...
- Do you guys know what H<sub>2</sub>0 is?
- That's right! H<sub>2</sub>O is usually referred to as water. But H<sub>2</sub>O is unique because it can exist as water, ice, and steam.
  - Water is a liquid. (*Pour water from one cup or pitcher to another.*)
  - Ice is a solid. (Show the kids an ice cube.)
  - Steam is a gas. (Safely demonstrate steam.)
- Water, ice, and steam look different but they are all equally called H<sub>2</sub>0.
- Similarly, God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit are all equally God, and is one God. But unlike H<sub>2</sub>0 that can exist in only one form water, ice, or steam at any given time, God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit are each with us at exactly the same time!

4. Memory Verse Practice:

#### \*Supplies = Bible(s) a piece of paper cut into a square and a writing utensil (1 per person)

- Read Romans 8:14 as a family and practice saying it aloud together.
- Give each person in your family a piece of square paper.
- Have them / help them write the memory verse on it.
- Next help each person make an origami heart out of the square piece of paper like this: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z-BIL6p1Te8</u>
- Once they are made write "The Holy Spirit helps us love everyone!" on the hearts.
- Talk about how each person in your can love people close to them and people that they don't know well or that are different than them...or even people that they don't really like.

# 5. DISCUSSION & APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

#### \*Supplies: Bibles

- What made Cornelius different from Peter?
- How did Peter find out that God loves everyone, even if they are different?
- How can we receive the Holy Spirit?
- Read I John 5:1-6. Do you think it is possible to love God but not love God's children?
- How has God shown you love?
- Who is someone who is really different from you?
- How can you show them love this week?
- 6. PRAY WITH YOUR FAMILY.

\*If you have a printer, the next page is for your kids to take notes while watching the online service\*

